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Unified Program Directory

The Cal/EPA Unified Program Section has launched a new searchable Unified Program Directory, available through the Cal/EPA Unified Program Web site at www.calepa.ca.gov/CUPA/Directory. The Directory is a useful tool that can be used to identify Unified Program Agencies by County or local government through a searchable site. Within the Directory are also contacts and groups associated within the Unified Program.

The Directory is a work in progress and will be updated continually. If you know of information which needs to be updated, please send the information in an email to cupa@calepa.ca.gov. The contact for the Unified Program Directory project is Tina Gonzales at (916) 322-2155, or email at tinag@calepa.ca.gov.

Meth Lab Clean-up Implementation Clinics (AB 1078) - Preliminary Agenda

Clinic dates: July 18, July 21 or July 27, 2006

- Morning Program: 9:00 AM through Noon: **Open to federal, State or local regulators only.** Focus will be on current practices, capabilities and the identification of local and State needs to implement the law.
- Afternoon Program: Noon (Lunch) through 4:00 PM: **Open to all – public and non-governmental agency.** Recap of AM session; current contractor responsibilities and guidance.

Program Topics to Include are: Statutory Provisions: AB 1078 AND SB 536, Regulatory issues, Current Practices and Procedures and Implementation Changes. For location and registration information, go to: <http://www.ccdeh.com/>

State Water Resources Control Board

Newly Listed Vacuum Monitoring Method - OPW

The OPW Continuous Vacuum Monitoring System (CVMS) was added to Local Guidance (LG) Letter 113 on May 26, 2006. The "Hot Topics" section of the UST Program webpage (www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust) has a link to all of the LG-113 listings for vacuum, pressure, and hydrostatic (VPH) monitoring methods. Interested parties can also check the "LG 113 News" section of the LG 113 website to see listings for newly added equipment.

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Service Technician Requirement for Remote Monitoring Providers

Remote monitoring services often employ personnel with the ability to remotely access UST monitoring systems and modify system parameters. Examples of system parameters that are modified remotely include enabling or disabling sensors, enabling or disabling pump shutdown in response to an alarm, and changing the frequency of precision automatic tank gauge or electronic line leak detector testing. These

tasks fall under the general category of monitoring system maintenance or calibration, and must only be done by a qualified service technician. On the other hand, remote-monitoring personnel who access monitoring system information remotely but do not change system parameters (e.g., check for leak detection alarms, schedule fuel deliveries, dispatch maintenance personnel, etc.) would not need to be qualified service technicians. State Water Board staff has been working with remote monitoring providers to make sure the service technician requirements are understood and followed.

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ICC CA UST Inspector Certification Renewal

On May 30, 2006 an education program that allows inspectors to comply with the renewal requirement of CCR, Title 23, Section 2715(j)(2) by "satisfying equivalent criteria" in lieu of retaking the ICC California UST Inspector exam was approved. However, there has been a minor correction to *Implementation of Continuing Education Contact Hours for Renewal of California UST Inspector ICC Certification* concerning trainer requirements.

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ICC CA UST Inspector Status Survey

In cooperation with the CUPA Forum Board, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is gathering statewide information on the number of local agency employees who are conducting UST inspections and possess an ICC CA UST Inspector certification. On February 1, we sent an email to the CUPA Single-Point of Contact (SPOC) requesting this information for their jurisdiction by February 28. To date, the State Water Board has received 91 responses to the Survey. State Water Board staff and UST Issue Coordinators will work with the remaining 8 CUPA programs who have not responded to obtain the requested information.

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Single-Walled UST Survey

On September 22, 2005 in cooperation with the CUPA Forum Board, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) sent each local agency a survey to gather information on the number of UST facilities with single-walled UST systems (SW tanks with SW piping, SW tanks with DW piping, and/or DW tanks with SW piping). Additionally, information was requested on the number of SW UST systems that serve as the only fueling location for large rural geographical areas. To date, the State Water Board has received 92 responses to the Survey. State Water Board staff and UST Issue Coordinators will work with the remaining 7 CUPA programs who have not responded to obtain the requested information.

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ICC Certification Status

As of May 31, 2006, a total of 457 persons had obtained ICC UST Inspector Certificates. We recommend that, when an UST inspector signs UST facility inspection reports, the inspector also include his or her ICC UST Inspector Certificate number. Other ICC California UST programs: Designated UST Operators -3835; UST Service Technicians -930; UST Installers with a California address - 603.

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Office of Emergency Services

Basic Training Workshop

OES/Central CUPA Forum is offering a one-day course covering Business Plan Program, CalARP Program, and Spill/Release Reporting Requirements on August 16th, 2006 in Clovis, CA. If interested contact Vincent Mendes at (559) 445-3271.

The Unified Program Section is interested in your comments and suggestions regarding the monthly newsletter. Please provide comments and suggestions to cupa@calepa.ca.gov.

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